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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

- 1. (Previously presented) A system for recovering electronic documents archived in a data storage mechanism comprising: a computer connected with said data storage mechanism, where the computer retrieves a stored data file comprising electronic document data information and further wherein the retrieved stored data file is analyzed based on file content and file characteristics, and categorized into one or more of a plurality of distinct categories.
- 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer is connected via a network connection to the data storage mechanism.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer is connected via a wireless network connection to the data storage mechanism.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the further-data storage mechanism is a hard drive.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a tape drive.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a DVD.

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- 7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a CD-ROM.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A method for recovering electronic documents archived in a data storage mechanism comprising the steps of: providing a computer with access to said data storage mechanism; retrieving a stored data file comprising electronic document data information from the data storage mechanism; and further analyzing the retrieved stored data file based on file content and file characteristics, and categorizing into one or more of a plurality of distinct categories.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the computer is connected via a network connection to the data storage mechanism.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the computer is connected via a wireless network connection to the data storage mechanism.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a hard drive.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a tape drive.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the further-data storage mechanism is a DVD.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the further-data storage mechanism is a CD-ROM.

- 15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the stored data file is analyzed using the file's last modified date, file size, file path or MD5 hash value.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said step of analyzing comprises analyzing the file's last modified date, file size, file path or MD5 hash values.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A method for recovering electronic documents archived in a data storage mechanism comprising the steps of: providing a computer with access to said data storage mechanism; retrieving a stored data file comprising electronic document data information from the data storage mechanism; analyzing the retrieved stored data file based on file content and file characteristics; categorizing into one or more of a plurality of distinct categories; and comparing said stored data file to detect deletions or modifications.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein said step of analyzing comprises analyzing the file's last modified date, file size, file path or MD5 hash value.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising a comparison of said stored data file to detect deletions or modifications.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising comparing said stored data file to detect deletions or modifications.